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## OIL AND GAS TALK

Columbus, O., May 9.—In several counties of this state the farmers are oil and gas mad. It is due to the discovery of oil in the Bremen fields, about fifty miles south of Columbus, two years ago. Since then a wave of speculation has been sweeping through Perry, Hocking, Fairfield, Vinton and Athens counties. More than one hundred companies have been organized, and oil exchanges have been opened in Newark, Columbus, New Lexington, Athens, Lancaster, Junction City, Somerset, Logan and other places. The Standard Oil company is pumping into its tanks in Bremen from 1,500 to 2,000 barrels of oil a day from these fields.

Every foot of land in five counties is owned or leased by corporations which are hopeful of finding the main body of this product. Geologists have stated with great emphasis that an immense cavern of oil, which will be worth many millions of dollars, will some day be found. That is why the well diggers are following the belt of Berea and Clinton sands, in which the oil is found, from Bremen in a southeasterly direction to Buchtel, which makes part of the southern territory of the Columbus and Hocking Coal & Iron company, where oil has been found in Berea sand.

With the exception of the holdings of the Columbus, Hocking Coal & Iron company, nearly every foot of ground has been prospected. Operations on the territory of that corporation have been conducted with the utmost secrecy. Residents of the town—and this company owns whole townships—will whisper of operations on a large scale, which will be a big gun, evidence of which is found in

the presence of lumber with which the derricks are built. The Bremen belt is pretty well defined down through the valley by the presence of several hundred derricks, which stretch toward the southeast in a seemingly endless chain.

From the line of the railroad for 25 miles out of Columbus one can see stacks of lumber and derricks in the course of construction. Most of the wells are located about two miles northeast of Bremen and stretch away toward Clarksville. The tendency of other operators is to follow the sands to the southeast. One of the latest discoveries is at Crossenville. On February 26 a well was shot which has been producing on an average of 70 barrels of oil a day.

Within the last week more than 50 derricks were erected within five square miles of Crossenville. Then came a day with more excitement. In boring for oil in the heart of Maxville gas was found at a depth of 2,800 feet. This well will produce 4,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day, and the owners are as jubilant as though they had uncovered a 200-barrel well. At Webb Summit, about two miles from Maxville, a company opened a well which produces more than 100 barrels a day.

It is expected that one of the greatest strikes in the history of the oil development of the country will be found at Kachelmacher, in which is located the veins of clay from which millions of building brick are made every month. A geologist of wide renown, who has made a study of the Ohio fields, is authority for the statement that Clinton sand will be found to a depth of 3,000 feet in the vicinity of Kachelmacher, and it would not surprise him if the great cavern for which so many oil prospectors are looking will be located here. At Buchtel, in the northwestern end of Athens county, where oil has been found in the Berea sand, there is every promise that important deposits will be located.

## Real Estate Transfers

Falls township—Logan—Charles W. James and wife to Christian E. Goss, lot No. 1251, in Logan; consideration \$297.50.

Quite Claim Deed—Laurel township—Rebecca Poling et al to Benjamin Long, 85 acres; \$1.00 and other consideration.

Sherrill's Deed—Washington Twp.—George B. Williamson Sherrill to John J. Woodruff 103 acres, known as Fractional Lot No. 1 in Sec. 10; consideration \$1050.

Ward township—Davis Coe et al to Wm. Coe, part of Fractional lot No. 8, containing 81 acres; \$1.00 and other considerations.

Murray City—Francis and John Spencer to America Bryan, lot No. 5 and south half of lot No. 6; consideration \$300.

Benton township—R. J. Brown and Lacta Brown to Ella Bone, 40 acres; consideration \$200.

Carbonhill—J. L. Blosser to Amelia Blosser, the south half of Lots Nos. 75 and 76 in the village of Carbonhill; consideration \$1.00.

Ward Twp.—Mary Brooke to Flora Seidenfeld, Lot No. 2 of Michael Shield's subdivision of Lot No. 63 of the village of Murray City; consideration \$1000.

Star Twp.—Matilda Cagg and husband to The Ohio and West Virginia Railroad Company, a strip of land 30 feet wide on either side of the center line of the Ohio & West Virginia Railway, containing about 2 59 acres; consideration \$200.

Grant for Railway—Star Twp.—S. E. Bay et al to Ohio & West Va. Railway Co., 40 acres, being Lot No. 2 of Sec 28; consideration \$110.

Right of Way—Star Twp.—Mary and B. G. Trowbridge to Ohio & West Va. Railway Co., a strip of land 50 ft. wide on each side of said railway; consideration \$125.

## The Tariff Situation.

Nothing is more apparent than that serious and earnest debate of the tariff bill on the floor of the Senate is absolutely essential, if we are to have revision that is anywhere near "honest," or that will approach a redemption of the pledges given before election by Judge Taft and his colleagues who took the stump.

It seems to be impossible for any of those senators who want the tariff revised downward, in accordance with promises, to delve into any of the schedules proposed by the Rhode Island dictator without finding that reptiles of various lengths, coloring and degrees of wriggling ability are coiled tightly about them. The whole output of the finance committee appears to consist of a veritable den of "snakes."

Some of the honest revisionists have attempted to discover just how dangerous these serpents are. They have employed men skilled in statistics covering customs imports, the difference of cost here and abroad and other facts on which tariff rates ought to be figured. These men are giving much study to the Aldrich abortion and will be able to furnish the senators with ammunition to be used on the Senate floor.

Some such plan as this would seem to be the only salvation for the men of integrity who sit in the Senate. Particularly is this so because the President, according to report, is in almost daily communication with Senator Aldrich. And if the latter has thus far reflected the President's sentiments, it is obvious that Mr. Taft is not over-sensitive on the question of redeeming the tariff pledges given by his party and himself.

## New Primary Law.

Occasionally and at rare intervals a question will be asked or a remark made relating to the coming municipal campaign next fall. But by almost ninety-nine out of a possible hundred people in Logan the subject is almost never referred to and presumably is unthought of.

An entire set of village officers is to be chosen, from mayor down. The election will be held in November, but there is a new primary law now in effect which will stir all candidates for nomination on all tickets out of the bush during August.

This is the way it is. The primary at which candidates will be nominated, will be held in all precincts on Tuesday, September 7th. Twenty days before the day all who have any sort of bee in their bonnet in order to be eligible to go before the primary, will have to have certified their names to the board of elections as a candidate for a certain and specific office and each name so certified will have to be accompanied by a list of signatures of qualified voters of the city, representing not less than two percent of the votes cast for the incumbent in the office, thus sought at the last preceding election. No individual has the right to sign more than one petition for the same office, and, in signing any petition presented by any candidate, the signer thus pledges himself to support that candidate in primary although he does not pledge himself to support him in the election.

In brief and so far as this new primary law interests the public in general, these are the salient facts concerning it and it only remains to be added that the coming municipal election will have been the first choosing officials who are nominated in this manner. There can be no dark horses under this new primary law and there will be no immediate surprise insofar as candidates are concerned, for, under the provisions of the new law the gong will ring on candidates in August, whereas the election will not be held until November.

## Near Beer Not Taxable.

A decision handed down by the Circuit Court in Session at Cambridge, Ohio, will be of great interest to residents in dry counties. In substance the Circuit Court rendered an opinion that "near beer" is not under the Aiken law or subject to the Aiken tax. The Circuit Court reversed the decision of the Common Pleas Court, of Guernsey county, in the case of Jacob A. LaFollette, who as County Treasurer, upon the advice of County Prosecutor C. S. Shepard, was seeking to collect about \$800 from John Murray, the proprietor of an establishment in which "near beer" was sold. The case will be appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court.

## Make Fools of Ourselves.

Is this country losing its Democratic ideals? We are moved to ask this question by the reports from President Taft to attend church on Sunday without being almost mobbed by curious throngs of sightseers on the streets of the national capital. On Easter morning a great concourse of people who gathered outside of St. John's church, where Mr. Taft attended service with his wife, practically compelled Mr. Taft to stop and hold an open air reception before he could return to the White House. We have always been ready to ridicule the English who make fools of themselves over their royal family, standing on the streets for hours to see its members pass by and cheering themselves hoarse on such occasions, but if we are not careful we will give the British press an opportunity to indulge in no end of sarcasm at our expense. Moreover, such conduct is un-American and un-Democratic and there seems to be little excuse for intruding to such an extent on the privacy which even the president ought to be permitted to enjoy on one day the week—Ex.

## Worried About Ohio.

Senator Dick has denied the statement that he is opposed to the appointment of Willis G. Bowland, of Columbus, as internal revenue collector to succeed David H. Moore, of Athens. He is for Mr. Bowland, but like Senator Burton is not disposed to press the matter too much because of the habit the president has of receiving senatorial recommendations and then selecting some man of his own choice which, while perhaps pleasing to the president, is decidedly embarrassing to the senators.

The senators have practically yielded to make no recommendations until they first have the positive assurance of the chief executive that the man on whom they agree will receive the place for which they ask. They feel it will weaken their power at home if they put their O. K. on men only to find that the president completely ignores them.

The president himself is also much worried about the Ohio situation and is endeavoring to devise some plan by which he can restore harmony in the party in Ohio.

## Akron Working Men Protest.

Up at Akron the Central Labor Union, after discussing the Payne tariff bill, voted to send protests to the Ohio senators and congressmen against further increase of tariff rates on the necessities of life for the working class.

Let's see. Akron in the place where Mr. Taft made a speech last fall in which he said a great deal about the speech he made in Akron three years before.

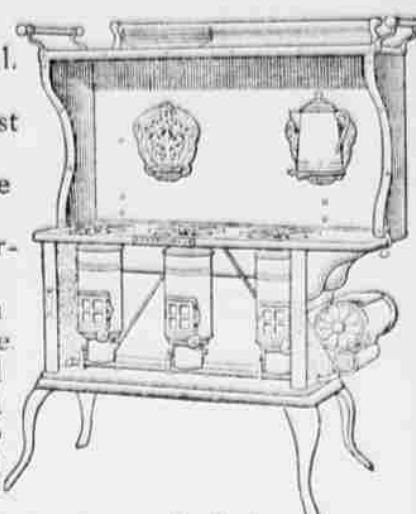
We hope none of the workingmen of Akron who voted for Mr. Taft will think of joining in such protests. It is inconsiderate to protest against getting what one votes for. Besides, after comparing the two speeches, any Akron voter ought to have foreseen that it would be as easy for Mr. Taft to make "common enterprise" with tariff barons who demand revision upward as it was for him to make "common enterprise" with Cox.

## Fling Them Off.

[Murray City News.] It is the design of most of the voters of Ward township, to discard and ignore the present county organization and insist on new leaders who are non-factional to lead the party and eradicate the evils that have grown out of Bossism. The voters of Ward township have long been ignored and used as cat paws for the county seat politicians and now they are determined to unload the ring either by forcing them to quit their places or defeat their tickets until the voters of the county grow weary of defeat and snatch the Leitches from their backs and fling them off as they would a venomous reptile. For years the people of the county have not been allowed in this free country to choose their central committee or assist in the general organization and the time is now when open rebellion against the gang is set forth as the only means of purifying the party. It is true the county has been going Democratic ever since the present gang took hold and it is true, it will continue to go Democratic unless the people rule and are given credit for their labor and opinions.

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## Obituary

Lucy Ethel, youngest daughter of Robert H. and Mary E. Thrush, was born in Washington township, this county, September 18, 1880. From her early childhood Lucy has exhibited a gentle, loving and lovable disposition. In school she was always studious, taking much interest in her books and in her teachers. She was especially industrious in the home and when any hard task was to be performed either for mother about the household or for father on the farm, Lucy was the girl to do it, she never hesitated, never faltered, but cheerfully performed every duty as a loving daughter and a true sister. She loved the beautiful and her favorite pastime was with her music and out door sports, she loved to walk in nature and talk with nature's God.

November 7, 1906 marked a new era in the life of Lucy, for on this date she was united in marriage with Charles C. Reinschold. No queen ever ruled with more dignity or queenly grace than Lucy in her humble home; this was her paradise, here true love reigned. She was given to hospitality, loved her neighbors and friends and strove to make them happy. She was economic in everything except love and goodness which she lavished with open hand. She was most grateful for all courtesies and was never more happy than when giving joy to other lives, or adding little touches to the beautifying of her home.

She was religious from nature, always loved God and his church and if faith and purity fit souls for the skies, Lucy is with God. Her simple trust and child-like faith are examples for us all. In early life she united with the Methodist Episcopal church and was faithful to the end. In her last sickness she was great sufferer, but she trusted a great Savior, His sustaining grace enabled her to sing the songs of triumph and behold her King face to face.

On Saturday afternoon, May 1, after a brief journey of 22 years, 7 months and 13 days her tired feet touched the golden strand and heaven is her home.

She leaves in lonely sorrow a grief-stricken mother and father, a devoted husband and an infant son, three brothers, three sisters, and many relatives and friends.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Reinschold and his friends desire to express their appreciation and thanks to all their friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of Mrs. Reinschold.

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## So, Bloomingville and Vicinity

Marion Johnson, who was critically hurt on a saw mill some time ago, is slowly improving.

Mrs. John Hies is convalescing from pneumonia.

The stork spread its wings on the home of Emmet Clark and wife, and left a little daughter.

Mrs. Ernest Jones, of Gillesville, has been visiting parents, Thomas Stevens and wife, the past week.

Mrs. Maggie Dellenbaugh and children are visiting with sisters at present, as Mrs. Dellenbaugh leaves next week to join her husband in their new home at Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. W. C. Denton was a Circleville shopper, one day last week.

A. M. Thomas and wife entertained with a three course dinner on Sunday last, those being present were: Howard North and wife, J. A. Kitchien, wife and master Neel Kitchien.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. Irene Johnson, who so miraculously escaped the Grim monster and who for the last six months has been unable to leave her bed, was able to visit her father, C. E. Mattox, east of town on Sunday last.

Nona Chilcote, of Whistler, spent the past week with Mrs. W. C. Denton.

Chas. Oldfield closed a successful term of school here on Friday last.

Ida Hies returned home from a visit with friends at Columbus.

C. E. Lyons and wife, of Wesley Chapel, visited with A. M. Thomas and wife, recently.

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